

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, M. Hart, J. Hintz, R. Orr, E. Paterson, C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Simpson

Staff: C. van Zelm (*MDP*); L. Painter, M. Capriola, J. Jackman (*Town*); A. Rowe (*UCONN*)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

2. December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Paulhus made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Silander. The minutes were approved as presented with Mayor Paterson abstaining and no objections.

3. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided an apartment and commercial leasing update. 9 commercial leases are confirmed and over 60% of the apartments have been leased, including 19 apartment leases to the University for visiting faculty and special guests. A construction update was also provided. Utility work on Dog Lane has begun and Storrs Road improvements will begin in spring.

b. *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership*: Silander provided an update of MCCP activities including the Healthy Campus Grant Initiative, Recycling Initiative at Celeron and Hunting Lodge Apartments, and planned spring door-to-door visits.

c. *Town/UCONN Water Supply Update*: Hart and Roe provided an update on the environmental impact evaluation (EIE). The study is looking at potential water supply options such as groundwater wells; it is estimated that 500,000 to 1 million additional gallons of water per day would be provided.

d. *University Construction Projects*: Roe provided an overview of a number of construction projects both underway and planned such as: the water reclamation project; East Classroom Building; McMahon dining hall expansion; psychology building expansion; upgrades to Hillside Road; landscaping in the area of the Student Union/Benton Museum/Sun Dial; Memorial Stadium demolition; and the North Hillside Road extension.

4. UConn Spring Weekend

Hart and Saddlemire provided an update. Law enforcement and Student Affairs operations planning is underway (i.e. parking restrictions, traffic enforcement). Landlords can help with efforts by being involved early in the planning process.

5. Other Business/Announcements

Saddlemire announced that Student Affairs will be getting involved with the community playground initiative currently underway at the Town. Student Affairs and Human Services are also exploring food banks for students.

Mayor Paterson announced the Huskython event during the weekend of February 18th; proceeds of the event go to the Children's Hospital of Connecticut. Last year the event raised \$188,000. Mayor Paterson also announced the Youth Services Bureau volunteer appreciation/awards event scheduled in March; many UConn students are volunteers for the Youth Services Bureau.

6. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

John Sobanik, Celeron Square Apartments Project Manager. Sobanik thanked Mayor Paterson and others for their collaborative approach to working on quality of life issues.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Capriola, M.P.A.

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